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SUBJECT: UPU: TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP

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1. AS INDICATED IN ANNEX I, REF B, AND AS USPS WASHINGTON
CAN CONFIRM, FOLLOWING IS LIST OF DEPENDENT TERRITORIES MEMBERS
OF UPU:

- A US TERRITORIES,
- B SPANISH TERRITORIES IN AFRICA,
- C FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES,
- D UK OVERSEAS TERRITORIES,
- E NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND SURINAM,
- F PORTUGUESE PROVINCES IN WEST AFRICA,
- G PORTUGUESE PROVINCES IN EAST AFRICA, ASIA AND OCEANIA

2. ON MARCH 10 UPU ADVISED MISSION THAT NO NOTICES OF TERMINATION
FOR ANY TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP AS YET RECEIVED AND THAT IN VIEW OF
RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE
TERRITORIES, UNION HAD SENT FOLLOWING LETTERS:

- A TO SPANISH ADMINISTRATION ASKING FOR STATUS REPORT
ON MEMBERSHIP OF SPANISH TERRITORIES IN AFRICA;
 - B TO PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION ASKING WHETHER IT WOULD
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BE AGREEABLE TO TERMINATING MEMBERSHIP OF WEST AFRICAN TERRITORY

IN LIGHT OF CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION THERE;

C. TO PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION ASKING IF IT WISHED
TO REDEFINE OR RENAME TERRITORY OF PROVINCES IN EAST
AFRICA, ASIA AND OCEANIA FOR UPU PURPOSES IN LIGHT OF RECENT
EVENTS THERE.

3. NO RESPONSES YET RECEIVED FROM SPANISH OR PORTUGUESE.

4. IT IS NOTED THAT ART 12 OF UPU CONSTITUTION PROVIDES
THAT ANY UPU MEMBER (INCLUDING TERRITORY) CAN WITHDRAW UPON
SUBMITTING NOTICE TO DO SO TO SWISS AUTHORITIES AND THAT
SUCH WITHDRAWAL TAKES EFFECT ONE YEAR FROM DATE NOTICE IS
RECEIVED BY SWISS.

5. UPU SECRETARIAT ALSO ADVISED THAT, AS INSTRUCTED BY
1974 UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL SHORTLY
BEGIN STUDY OF WHETHER OR NOT TO RETAIN TERRITORIAL MEMBERSHIP
IN UPU WITH VIEW TO SUBMITTING REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT TO
UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS IN 1979. IN 1975, EC REQUESTED
SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE PAPER ON MATTER FOR PRESENTATION
TO COUNCIL AT 1976 SESSION. PAPER IS TO INCLUDE PRACTICES IN
OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, FINANCIAL AND POSTAL IMPLICATIONS,
ETC. PAPER NOW BEING COMPLETED BY SECRETARIAT AND
PRESUMABLY WILL BE SENT TO STOCK, US POSTAL SERVICE,
AS PART OF COUNCIL DOCUMENTATION. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT
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